



Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events

Notices for 12/23/15

- ***Good News from Goodwin Newsletter***

Good News from Goodwin

ISSUE 4

JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The new year is always a good time to reflect back and to look ahead to the future. Each of my Principal Letter's has highlighted some of the good work that is being done at Goodwin. In the last months, I have seen teachers working with students every day to assure that they have the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the 21st century—life time skills such as collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication. I have seen them collaborate with their colleagues to create engaging lessons and find the right course of action to ensure success for each of their children. I have witnessed teachers and staff working with and encouraging individuals to improve in math, physical fitness, reading, music, writing, art, science, social skills, social studies and emotional development. Each and every day I am proud to see the opportunities teachers have created and implemented at Goodwin and am amazed at the students willingness to take risks, engage in inquiry based learning and rise to the high bar set for them.

Further, our home school connection is incredible. Our parents are here for us each and every day in each and every way. We have so many people who write me supportive emails about the staff we have in this building and how happy they are that their children attend Goodwin. Next month, I will begin again my **Principal's Coffee and Conversation on January 11th from 8:45 to 9:15.** Please consider joining me in the conference room at that time for further parent/school discussions. Our parents work tirelessly at our school, at our events, and at home with their children. Along those same lines, our PTO has been incredible with the time and effort they put into our school. Through the generosity of our PTO, each student and staff member have T-shirts with the National Blue Ribbon Logo and Goodwin School on it. After rolling them out at our December town meeting on the 17th, the entire school had their picture taken in their T-shirts so that we can hang that picture with the plaque that we received in Washington, DC. In this way, in future years, those who follow us will know who was in the school when it won such a distinguished award. Additionally, through the efforts of the PTO, an appreciation staff luncheon was enjoyed by all on the 17th as well. Thank you to everyone who sent in the delicious foods that we all enjoyed. It was truly appreciated by everyone.

All of this contributes to the culture and closeness of the Goodwin community. We are a National Blue Ribbon School for a reason!

Warmly,
Susan

Upcoming Events

1/18-Harlem Wizards Basketball Game- E.O.Smith 6:30-8:00

1/18-Martin Luther King Day-NO SCHOOL

1/19-Teachers Professional Day-NO SCHOOL

Please be sure your child has the appropriate attire for our daily 30 minute recess. Students must wear snow pants, coats, boots and gloves to enjoy sledding and be able to play in the snow during recess.

Children who have flu & fever symptoms need to be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, before returning to school. **FLU SYMTOMS:** tired, fever 100, chills, coughing, headache or body aches. Symptoms can last 5 days.

Children who have stomach virus symptoms must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. Vomiting, diarrhea with cramps are symptoms.